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DUNNE PLATFORM WINS CONNERY GLORY CAN'T BEAT HOYNE

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery Gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

"State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki. Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest.

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard to defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of heaving at an over-diet of Connery and the noble Francis

D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweitzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is known that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery, did not seek Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a renomination for Recorder of Deeds. Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D. may get back his former official job as Inspector for Attorney General Lucey.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery; uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during a late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public pay roll.

Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$5,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$5,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,240.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's of William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office.

James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Treasurer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

William J. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago. The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review.

They have known right along this off Al's private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that an Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are noneycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year,

GOVERNOR DUNNE'S PLATFORM.

Popular State's Attorney Will Be Re-Elected on His Honest and Upright Record.

The public has confidence in MacLay Hoyne.

His great record as State's Attorney is appreciated by the people.

He will be re-elected beyond any question to the office he has honored so well.

Democrats and Republicans alike are for him.

GOVERNOR DUNNE'S PLATFORM.

The state executive and his friends controlled the Democratic state con-

sulted, as usual, in the defeat of all of them.

The governor has slipped an initiative and referendum plank into this year's platform for the purpose of keeping the party on record at the coming session of the legislature.

It is the governor's theory that it is useless to delay "pulling the cork" simply because a new constitution may be submitted to the voters half a dozen years hence. In case a new constitution is rejected, he points out, the desired changes could be made more easily than heretofore by the amendment process.

The Democrats will go on record for the adoption of the tax amendment at the polls this fall.

Other propositions favored in Governor Dunne's draft of the platform include:

Private bank legislation.

A shorter ballot.

Home rule for Chicago.

Extension of civil service in the state and in Cook County and the sanitary district of Chicago.

Abolition of the state board of equalization and the substitution of a tax commission.

Reapportionment of congressional, senatorial and judicial districts.

A corrupt practices act.

Separate elections for judges.

Rotation of names on primary ballots for all offices.

Revision of election laws to reduce the present enormous expense.

Development of the budget system.

Consolidation of state commissions and departments, as recommended by the efficiency and economy commission.

Chicago will be host to President Wilson on Thursday, Oct. 19. At the invitation of a number of civic and industrial organizations the President will come to Illinois for a speech at the Auditorium Theater that is expected to be one of the most important of the presidential campaign.

It is expected that the President will come direct to Chicago for the address and will return to Shadow Lawn shortly after it is delivered as he wishes to avoid the pomp and circumstance as well as the interference with his duties which a swing across the country on a campaign special would entail.

Urgent invitations to look in on several banquets arranged for the time of his coming have been sent to the President, but the detailed plans for his trip have not been decided and no acceptances beyond that for the time of his speech have been sent out.

Except for the dedication of the Lincoln memorial in Kentucky the Chicago speech will be the first address delivered by the President west of the Alleghanys since his re-election.

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Congratulations poured in on Edward J. Brundage as a result of the victory of the neutral leader in his race for nomination for the office of attorney general on the Republican ticket. His nomination was declared

to be assured on the face of the official count of the vote cast in Chicago and Cicero and the unofficial count in Cook County at the primary election Sept. 13. The figures show that Mr. Brundage defeated Richard J. Barr by 2,656 votes.

The vote cast in Cook County outside of Chicago has not been officially tabulated, but it is not expected to reverse the standing of the two candidates. The vote on the office follows:

Barr, Brundage.	
Downstate	79,156 31,218
City and Cicero (official)	17,330 63,145
Cook County (unofficial)	3,156 8,935
Total	99,642 102,298
Brundage's plurality	2,656

Other results in Cook County at the recent primaries were announced by the election board with the official returns, including governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, state treasurer, attorney general and other candidates, but the principal interest was in the Brundage-Barr count.

CHICAGO CONGRESSMEN SPEND MONEY

That candidates for congressional nominations in the Illinois primaries went the limits so far as expenditures are concerned is indicated in reports reaching the clerk of the house.

Myer J. Stein, one of the defeated Republican candidates, spent \$4,315 in his effort to beat Lorimer. Arthur W. Fulton, the successful candidate, has not filed his after election account yet, and scheduled only \$90 expense before the primary. James McAndrews, the Democratic incumbent, spent \$300. Lorimer himself reported \$2,098.87 ten days before the primary. Nothing has been heard from him since.

Congressman Madden reports an expenditure of \$200; Mr. Mann, \$1,500; Mr. McDermott, \$1,819; Charles Martin, who defeated McDermott, \$1,991; Congressman Copley, \$2,451; his opponent, F. W. Shepherd, \$1,552.

The after primary report of the Boynton Republican League in the Second district is being awaited with much interest by persons who are desirous of ascertaining just how much the dregs actually expended in their futile effort to defeat Minority Leader Mann. They reported close to \$2,000 ten days before the primary.

TO REPEAL PRIMARY LAW

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PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON,
Who Will Speak in Chicago October 19.

whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

GOOD SANITARY TICKET

Democratic Ticket for Sanitary Trustees Is the Best Ticket in the Field.

The Democrats made no mistake in the ticket nominated by them for Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago. It is above reproach. Every man on it has served the public faithfully and well. Following is the ticket:

President Sanitary District—Thomas M. Sullivan.

Sanitary Trustees—Joseph Rushkewics and James A. Long.

vention at Springfield from start to finish.

Governor Dunne's platform is the real thing.

At the last session Governor Dunne endeavored to have the legislature adopt an amending clause amendment resolution, removing the altering restriction prohibiting the altering of more than one article of the constitution at a single session.

The tax amendment resolution, which comes up for the approval of the voters in November, finally won the right of way and was adopted.

In the 1913 session the governor gave preference to the initiative and referendum amendment resolution, but the conflict among its supporters and those of the tax amending clause, suffrage and other amendments re-

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